opportunity for him to lay before your Board much valuable information. But I must say that his return is to no doubt here a matter of regret. To our family he has ever been kind & attentive; & I am sure that our feeling of obligation & gratitude can never be cancelled.

With regards to his character as an official agent, I feel bound to say, that he has, so far as I know, prosecuted the interests of this Colony with the utmost zeal, energy, judgement & fidelity. And he deserves, I think, not only the thanks of your Board, but those of every friend of colonization in the United States. Many of the happiest achievements he has made for the cause were made at the expense no ordinary personal sacrifices. This colony was commenced under disadvantages which were not understood except by those present, yet your agent by judicious management under the good providence of God, has led it safely through ~~these~~ & it now maintains a more encouraging & promising position than any other settlement on this coast, American or European. I trust you & the members of the Board, will lose none of your zeal in the cause, & it occurs to me that you may continue to command the services of Dr Hall in some way or other. I might particularize about the state of the Colony but have not time, besides it would be unnecessary as Dr H & Mr Holmes will both write. I will send you in company with this, a copy of a small primer I have recently had published at Monrovia for the use of our native scholars. It is designed to teach them English as well as to read their own language.

My wife joins me in affectionate regards to yourself & family. Remember to Mr Shepard & other friends. I will reply to Mr Easter's letter by first opporty. Mind now this letter is "entre nos"

Affectionately

Leighton Wilson

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